

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – February 09, 2016 at 12:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Member Attendance:

Joel Peterson (Chair)
Paul Hart (Vice Chair)
Ken Behymer - Absent
Chip Dennerlein – Arrived late
Larry Turpen
Cliff Kuhlman
Mark Lansing - Absent
Leslie Orr
Mark Acosta
Dana Christensen

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Joe Slaughter (PCD Senior Planner)
Fred Saunders (PCD Senior Planner) – Arrived Late
Rob Brandes (JoCo Public Works)
Dan Dorrell (ODOT) – Absent
Valerie Lovelace (City Council)
Keith Heck (County Commissioner)

Guests:

Edom Gomez (RVTD)

I. Business – Continuing

A. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2016

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Orr moved and Committee Member Turpen seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2016 meeting. The vote resulted as follows:

“AYES”: Committee Members Peterson, Hart, Turpen, Kuhlman, Orr, Acosta, and Christensen. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Committee Members Behymer, Dennerlein, and Lansing. The motion passed.

B. Updates From Staff/Liaison and questions for Staff/Liaison

1. Overview of Transportation Demand Management – Edem Gomez

- Edem works for RVTD and helps organize TDM programs. These programs are meant to encourage citizens to drive less.
- Programs help to deal with issues with congestion, air quality, overall citizen health, and to improve mobility for everyone in valley. These are more of behavior based programs rather than infrastructure.
- They help organize carpooling by using a program to match potential carpool mates with each other.
- Local employers are involved in the programs (Lithia, Rogue Credit Union, SOU, RCC, other smaller organizations) with ride share matching within each organization. TDM programs can also offer free taxi rides in case of an emergency for citizens who take part in the ride share program.
- There are tax benefits for the companies who participate.
- Some programs will reimburse the cost of a bicycle.

2. City

- City is looking at going to bid on the Allen Creek/Redwood project at about the same time as County, Mid/late March.
- They were hoping to have everything in by fair; however that isn't realistic at this point.
- The connector and the signal should be in by the time fair comes around so that will help things, Pansy Lane will probably be closed, though.
- The City will have the same contractor as the County doing the City's part of the Lincoln road improvements.
- A bid will be going out to do trail repairs at Allendale school, work will be done during spring break to coincide with other work being done by the school district.
- The Streets Crew was able to grind down some of the roots on some of the humps to keep the trail useable until more permanent work could be done.
- The City will be putting the Fruitdale Creek Trail to bid, it will need a pedestrian bridge. GP irrigation has caused some delays so this will likely go to bid closer to end of year. The trail currently goes from Fruitdale drive to Cloverlawn/Hamilton, we're trying to connect it to Cathedral Hills.
- The area was annexed recently so zoning changed. Big properties on the west side of Cloverlawn Dr between Crestview and Meadow Wood would be prime areas for a subdivision, we might be able to condition a right of way if that happens.

3. County

- Galice at mile post 13 is sliding; County hopes to have it cleaned up by end of day tomorrow. It will likely be marked as single lane for a while until things stop moving, they will be putting up jersey barriers to catch the bigger things.
- The Allen Creek/Redwood project is moving forward. Demo on buildings is projected for early March. We should also see dirt moving around the same time.
- County has been working on clean-up from all of the storms we've had recently. A lot of trees came down and County is understaffed to handle all of the damage.

4. ODOT

- None.

5. Strategic Planning

- The City Council showed an interest in education for adults and pedestrians from the bikeways Committee. Possibly public safety announcements.
- They also want to see the Greenway extended.
- The water treatment plant needs to be redone and the parking at Riverside needs upgrading. The Allen Creek Sports Park was near the top of the list of projects.
- Public safety is the number one priority.

6. Comments/Questions for Staff

- A committee member let Fred know that there is a sizable pothole on the Fruitdale Creek Trail.

- A committee member mentioned a fire plug at the 4-way stop at Beacon and D that is a hazard.
- A committee member brought up line of sight hazards at Baker and A and Flint and D. Fred let him know that they had previously been checked and they did meet the vision triangle but they will be rechecked.
- A committee member brought up that the Tom Pierce bike path is getting bad in concerns to tree roots.
- A committee member brought up concerns about excess water from recent storms causing the shoulders to slump. The County will have to wait to do most of the shoulder work until everything dries out. They will go in and regrade any areas that are a significant hazard.
- The blockade has greatly decreased the criminal activity in the neighborhood, we're not sure if this will be seasonal, however the hours will be adjusted for longer daylight hours and signs will be placed letting citizens know the hours.
- The bathrooms have been closed due to constant vandalism. They are currently working on repairs, however this isn't a simple, quick, or cheap fix. The City is installing cameras to monitor periodically.
- Park closes at 10, gates are closed earlier do to man power?
- A committee member suggested that we might put up signs that say the park is closed from dusk until dawn. This might work with any extended hours for each season.
- A committee member was curious on the status of the red light cameras. The M St and A St intersections are a concern.

II. Business – New

- The Bike Rodeo will be May 21st from 9:00am-Noon at Club Northwest.
- Last year there were free smoothie to kids who completed the course.
- Club northwest was very easy to work with
- Leslie will get info out to District 7 Schools know to inform kids about the course.
- Club Northwest was very easy to work with and could advertise as they did last year.
- Ride the Rogue has sent out emails. Leslie will forward to Jayme or Kira to let the group know. They need volunteer help urgently. They will need help with meals, advertising, rest stops, park setup, and mainly need people to lead those activities.
- ODOT draft transportation safety plan is available online to view and comment with an online open house. Chapter 5 covers the bike section, Leslie will also forward this information along.

<p>Next meeting date: March 08, 2016 at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room</p>
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